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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, SWEL, ET, US

SUBJECT: WOLLO FAMINE EMERGENCY

REF: ADDIS ABABA 2710

1. DEPT. NOW FINDS THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDE FOOD CANNOT BE MADE. THE INTERAGENCY STAFF COMMITTEE (ISC) ON FOOD DISTRIBUTION CHAIRED BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPROVES THE GRANTS AND IT ONLY ACTS ON SPECIFIC REQUESTS. ONCE A REQUEST IS RECEIVED, THE ISC CAN ACT QUICKLY AS LONG AS IT IS CLEAR WHAT TYPES OF FOOD ARE BEING REQUESTED, HOW IT IS GOING TO BE MOVED FROM THE PORT, WHO WILL MOVE IT, ETC.

2. SUGGEST YOU CONSULT WITH RRC AND VISITING FAO TEAM ON SCOPE OF ETHIOPIAN NEEDS AND THEN SEND IN INTERIM REQUEST
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TO BEGIN PROCESS AT THIS END. FOR INSTANCE, SOME USG EXPERTS ESTIMATE A 10,000 TON REQUEST MIGHT BE A LEGITIMATE FIRST REQUEST. AS USUAL, REQUEST CABLE SHOULD COVER TYPES OF ITEMS REQUIRED CHAPTER 7, HANDBOOK 9 INCLUDING THE TYPES OF HARD FACTS ISC NEEDS FOR ITS EVALUATION. YOU MAY STATE THAT THIS REQUEST IS JUST FIRST TRANCHE OF A LARGER REQUEST WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED AT LATER DATE.

3. FUTURE TRAFFIC THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE IN REGULAR
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